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SUBJ: ASSYRIAN AND ARENIAN REFUGEES

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1. DEJONGE OF WCC AND JAHN OF UNHCR HAVE LEARNED THAT GOG AGREED ACCEPT 1500 TO 2000 ASSYRIAN/ARMENIAN REFUGEES, TO BE ADMITTED ON NOMINAL ROLLS. REQUEST CONFIRMATION.

2. WCC INTENDS HAVE FIRST GROUP APPROXIMATELY 140 READY FOR DEPARTURE ON ICEM FLIGHT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR END OF WEEK. ICRC TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR LEBANESE DEPARTURE PROCEDURES. DEJONGE CONFIDENT THAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL BE OBTAINED ON TIME. DEJONGE HAS DEPARTED FOR 24 HOUR VISIT ATHENS TO ARRANGE FOR RECEPTION AND PROCESSING. ATHENS CONSULAR SECTION MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION RE TIMING ARRIVAL REMAINING GROUPS FROM DEJONGE, AND UNHCR AND ICEM REPRESENTATIVES ATHENS.

3. PROCESSING OF FIRST GROUP HERE APPEARS NECESSARY IN VIEW GOG 2000 LIMITATION AND DESIRABLE IN VIEW ADVANCED STATE OF PREPARATION. DE JONGE INFORMS US HE WILL BE READY TO GO BY NEXT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK. ACCORDINGLY, PAPPAS HAS INFORMED US BY TELEPHONE HE PLANS

ARRIVE HERE AFTERNOON MARCH 8 AND WILL INTERVIEW 50 HEADS OF FAMILY EACH DAY MARCH 9 THROUGH MARCH 12, I.E., TOTAL OF 200. NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 600 AND 800. WE PLAN INTERVIEW ALL DEPENDENTS FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS DURING SAME TIME FRAME. WILL COMPLETE PROCESSING AS QUICKLY AS VISA NUMBERS ARE RECEIVED AND OUR STAFF CAN TYPE FS-511S.

4. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, MANY COMPLEXITIES IN ARRANGING CRASH PROGRAM OF THIS NATURE, ESPECIALLY IN BEIRUT. WE ARE A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT DEJONGE MAY BE SPREAD A BIT THIN ATTEMPTING ARRANGE FOR BEIRUT PROGRAM AND ATHENS SAFEHAVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY. NEVERTHELESS, HE IS CONFIDENT ALL WILL BE IN READINESS NEXT WEEK. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT WE ANTICIPATE A FEW ADMINISTRATIVE HOLDUPS WHICH WE WILL STRIVE TO HOLD TO MINIMUM.

5. FOR PAPPAS. ANTICIPATE YOUR ARRIVAL MARCH 8, MEA FLIGHT 252, ARRIVING 1650 HOURS. CABLE WILL FOLLOW RE SECURITY ESCORT FROM AIRPORT.
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